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No. 1

## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by Public Law 111-289, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 112th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Lorraine C. Miller.

The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin offered the following prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful believers. Enkindle within them the fire of Divine Love; that they may be truly open to respond to Your Word and the needs of Your people.

Lord, send forth Your spirit and renew the face of the Earth. May the spirit of the living God descend upon this Chamber; that from here may come forth good news for the poor, healing for the broken-hearted, and renewed hope in the Nation. Let there go forth a proclamation to the people that captivity is ended, and the action of true politics will set this Nation free.

By setting single-minded self-interest aside in the search for the common good, may a just society flourish with the gifts of Your spirit and be recognized by others for its equal justice, unity, and peace.

Lord, may the 112th Congress of the United States of America be an instrument of Your goodness with abiding laws embraced and clarity in policy statements, reaching beyond institutional thinking and public opinion polls. May every human life in this country be renewed with dignity and purpose so we may truly glory in Your name as the free children of God made in Your image and conformed to Your saving grace, both now and forever.

Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 112th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—434

### ALABAMA

Aderholt  
Bachus  
Bonner

Brooks  
Roby  
Rogers

Sewell

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Flake  
Franks  
Giffords

Gosar  
Grijalva  
Pastor

Quayle  
Schweikert

### ARKANSAS

Crawford  
Griffin

Ross  
Womack

Baca  
Bass  
Bilbray  
Becerra  
Berman  
Bono Mack  
Calvert  
Campbell  
Capps  
Cardoza  
Chu  
Costa  
Davis  
Denham  
Dreier  
Eshoo  
Farr  
Filner  
Gallegly

Coffman  
DeGette  
Gardner

Courtney  
DeLauro

### CALIFORNIA

Garamendi  
Harman  
Herger  
Honda  
Hunter  
Issa  
Lee  
Lewis  
Loftgren, Zoe  
Lungren, Daniel E.  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McClintock  
McKeon  
McNerney  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Napolitano

Nunes  
Pelosi  
Richardson  
Rohrabacher  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Sanchez, Linda T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Schiff  
Sherman  
Speier  
Stark  
Thompson  
Waters  
Waxman  
Woolsey

### COLORADO

Lamborn  
Perlmutter  
Polis

Tipton

### CONNECTICUT

Himes  
Larson

Murphy

### DELAWARE

Carney

### FLORIDA

Adams  
Bilirakis  
Brown  
Buchanan  
Castor  
Crenshaw  
Deutch  
Diaz-Balart  
Hastings

Mack  
Mica  
Miller  
Nugent  
Posey  
Rivera  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross

Southerland  
Stearns  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Webster  
West  
Wilson  
Young

### GEORGIA

Barrow  
Bishop  
Broun  
Gingrey  
Graves

Johnson  
Kingston  
Lewis  
Price  
Scott, Austin

Scott, David  
Westmoreland  
Woodall

### HAWAII

Hanabusa

Hirono

### IDAHO

Labrador

Simpson

### ILLINOIS

Biggert  
Costello  
Davis  
Dold  
Gutierrez

Hultgren  
Jackson  
Johnson  
Kinzinger  
Lipinski

Manzullo  
Quigley  
Roskam

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Rush Schakowsky	Schilling Schock	Shimkus Walsh
INDIANA		
Bucshon Burton Carson	Donnelly Pence Rokita	Stutzman Visclosky Young
IOWA		
Boswell Braley	King Latham	Loebsack
KANSAS		
Huelskamp Jenkins	Pompeo Yoder	
KENTUCKY		
Chandler Davis	Guthrie Rogers	Whitfield Yarmuth
LOUISIANA		
Alexander Boustany Cassidy	Fleming Landry Richmond	Scalise
MAINE		
Michaud	Pingree	
MARYLAND		
Bartlett Cumplings Edwards	Harris Hoyer Ruppersberger	Sarbanes Van Hollen
MASSACHUSETTS		
Capuano Frank Keating Lynch	Markey McGovern Neal Olver	Tierney Tsongas
MICHIGAN		
Amash Benishek Camp Clarke Conyers	Dingell Huizenga Kildee Levin McCotter	Miller Peters Rogers Upton Walberg
MINNESOTA		
Bachmann Cravaack Ellison	Kline McCollum Paulsen	Peterson Walz
MISSISSIPPI		
Harper Nunnelee	Palazzo Thompson	
MISSOURI		
Akin Carnahan Clay	Cleaver Emerson Graves	Hartzler Long Luetkemeyer
MONTANA		
	Rehberg	
NEBRASKA		
Fortenberry	Smith	Terry
NEVADA		
Berkley	Heck	Heller
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Bass	Guinta	
NEW JERSEY		
Andrews Frelinghuysen Garrett Holt Lance	LoBiondo Pallone Pascarell Payne Rothman	Runyan Sires Smith
NEW MEXICO		
Heinrich	Luján	Pearce
NEW YORK		
Ackerman Bishop Buerkle Clarke Crowley Engel Gibson Grimm Hanna Hayworth	Higgins Hinchey Israel King Lee Lowe Maloney McCarthy Meeks Nadler	Owens Rangel Reed Serrano Slaughter Tonko Towns Velázquez Weiner

Butterfield  
Coble  
Ellmers  
Foxy  
Jones

## NORTH CAROLINA

Kissell  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
Miller  
Myrick

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable PEDRO R. PIERLUISI as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2009;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Berg

## OHIO

Austria Boehner Chabot Fudge Gibbs Johnson	Jordan Kaptur Kucinich LaTourette Latta Renacci	Ryan Schmidt Stivers Sutton Tiberi Turner
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## OKLAHOMA

Boren Cole	Lankford Lucas	Sullivan
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## OREGON

Blumenauer  
Schrader

Walden  
Wu

## PENNSYLVANIA

Altmire Barletta Brady Critz Dent Doyle Fattah	Fitzpatrick Gerlach Holden Kelly Marino Meehan Murphy	Pitts Platts Schwartz Shuster Thompson
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## RHODE ISLAND

Langevin

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Gowdy Mulvaney	Scott Wilson
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## SOUTH DAKOTA

Noem

## TENNESSEE

Cooper DesJarlais Duncan	Fincher Fleischmann Roe
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## TEXAS

Barton Brady Burgess Canseco Carter Conaway Cuellar Culberson Doggett Farenthold Flores	Gohmert Gonzalez Granger Green, Al Green, Gene Hall Hensarling Hinojosa Jackson Lee Johnson, E. B. Johnson, Sam	Marchant McCaul Neugebauer Olson Paul Poe Reyes Sessions Smith Thornberry
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## UTAH

Bishop	Chaffetz	Matheson
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## VERMONT

Welch

## VIRGINIA

Cantor Connolly Forbes Goodlatte	Griffith Hurt Moran Rigell	Scott Wittman Wolf
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## WASHINGTON

Dicks Hastings Herrera Beutler Inslee	Larsen McDermott McMorris Rodgers	Reichert Smith
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## WEST VIRGINIA

Capito	McKinley	Rahall
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## WISCONSIN

Baldwin Duffy Kind	Moore Petri Ribble	Ryan Sensenbrenner
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## WYOMING

Lummis

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The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 434 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING).

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Clerk, every Congress represents a sacred responsibility to write a new and greater chapter in our Republic's history. Be it providence or destiny, a unique man of uniquely American values is now called to lead this effort.

At a time when far too many of our countrymen remain unemployed, a former small businessman will lead the House to pass policies to encourage job creation.

At a time when all agree our Nation is on an unsustainable fiscal course, a fiscal reformer will ensure that this House never mortgages the torch of liberty in order to pay our debts.

At a time when too many doubt that their children can enjoy a brighter future in our country, he has lived the American dream, and will protect it for our posterity like few others before him.

This proud son of Ohio—one of 12 children born into a working-class family—has waited tables, mopped floors, tended bar, worked construction, worked his way to a college degree at night school, led a thriving company. And through his faith, his hard work, his values, he is now poised to become the next Speaker of the House of Representatives. He knows firsthand that unlimited opportunity can only arise from limited constitutional government.

Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that conference to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress the name of the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative-elect from the State of Ohio.